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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

David M. Purol

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 April 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-34 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-34 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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1. The reissue oath/declaration filed with this application is defective for it contains an insufficient statement of at least one error which is relied upon to support the reissue application. (see 37 CFR 1.175 and MPEP § 1414).

The reissue declaration states that at least one error upon which reissue is based is that the applicant failed to cover aspects of its "variable tilting" which were specifically disclosed but never specifically claimed, that the original claims as well as new claims 24-34 have a variable tilting feature that operates in generally the same way however the "engaging means" of claims 24-34 do not reference guiding loops on the ladder cord as found in claims 1-23 but rather the guiding function of the loops on the ladder cord is incorporated in the engaging collar of new claims 24-34.

This is insufficient for any error in the claims must be identified by reference to each of the specific claims and of the specific claim language wherein lies the error. A statement of "... failure to include claims directed to..." and then presenting newly added claims is not considered a sufficient "error" statement since applicant has not pointed out what the other claims lacked that the newly added claims have or vice versa. Furthermore, the reissue applicant must acknowledge the existence of an error in the specification and/or drawings which error caused the original patent to be defective as evidenced in the instant application by the submission of a new figure 8 and amendment to the specification including a description of the new figure.


Claims 1-34 are rejected as being based upon a defective reissue declaration under 35 U.S.C. 251 as set forth above. See 37 CFR 1.175

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2. Claims 27,28,32,33,34 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 27 in its entirety reiterates the limitations of claim 24, lines 21-31.

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to David M. Purol at telephone number (571) 272-6833.


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